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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 8, 2000

APPLICATION OF

ROBERT A. WINNEY d/b/a
THE WATERWORKS COMPANY OF
FRANKLIN COUNTY

CASE NO. PUE000093

To change rates and charges

ORDER SUSPENDING CHANGES AND AUTHORIZING RESPONSE

On February 23, 2000, Robert A. Winney, d/b/a The Waterworks Company of Franklin County ("The Waterworks Company" or "Company"), filed with the Clerk of the Commission a copy of a notice to customers of a change in rates and charges as required by § 56-265.13:5 B of the Code of Virginia and Rule 4 of the Commission's Rules Implementing the Small Water or Sewer Public Utility Act, 20 VAC 5-200-40. As set out in its notice, the Company proposes to increase its flat rate for service from \$67.50 to \$80.50 per quarter. This increase would take effect April 10, 2000. The Company also proposes to increase its availability fee from \$60 per year to \$100 per year effective in 2001. Finally, the Company proposes a connection fee of \$1,000. On March 7, 2000, the Commission Staff moved to dismiss the application on the grounds that notice to customers was insufficient and confusing.

Upon consideration of the application and the Staff motion, the Commission finds that this matter should be docketed and that The Waterworks Company should have an opportunity to respond to the motion to dismiss. Given the significant proposed increase in rates for service, the Commission finds that, as provided by § 56-265.13:6 A of the Code of Virginia and Rule 7 of the Small Water Act Rules, the proposed rates and charges should be suspended for sixty (60) days. The rates now in effect shall apply until the period of suspension runs. Thereafter, proposed rates and charges shall be interim and subject to refund with interest until the Commission has made a final determination in this proceeding. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Company's application be docketed, and be assigned Case No. PUE000093, and that all associated papers be filed therein.

(2) The proposed rates and charges with an effective date of April 10, 2000, be suspended for sixty (60) days, to and through June 9, 2000. Thereafter, proposed rates and charges shall be interim and subject to refund with interest.

(3) On or before March 20, 2000, the Company may file with the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118 an original and four (4) copies of any reply to the Commission Staff's motion to dismiss.

(4) This matter be continued.